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## 200 Houses Buried

Lima, Feb. 15.—At least 70 people were killed when 200 houses were buried under debris from a ravine washaway, according to a report from the village of Sondondo about 265 miles south of Lima.

The side of a ravine was apparently washed away by a huge cloud-burst.

Rescuers are trying to report from the village of the village which was buried under the avalanche of rocks and mud. Sondondo has a population of 1,000.

## KARENS & REDS REPULSED

Rangoon, Feb. 15.—Burmese Government troops, in a night-long battle, repulsed combined attempts by Karen and Communist rebels to piece the Irrawaddy Delta town of Kyaukse and Dedaye, the Burma Government claimed today.

Both towns are in the Panyon district, 40 miles southwest of Rangoon. The rebels sustained heavy casualties, the Government communiqué further claimed.

The Burma Government suspended telegraphic traffic throughout the country today except in the Tensasserim Division in the south. Official sources disclosed that up-country telegraph offices had closed down owing to widespread insurgent activity.

Rangoon is at present in telegraphic touch with three towns in southern Burma—Moulmein, Tavoy and Mergui.—Reuter.

## BARTER SHIP TURNS BACK

Shanghai, Feb. 16.—The ss Greater Shanghai, the first barter ship sent to Red-held North China, was reported returning today without reaching its destination.

The ship, which encountered heavy weather in the Yellow Sea and used up all her fuel so she turned back. She was laden with flour which was going to be exchanged for coal at Chinwangtao. —Associated Press.

## EDITORIAL

### U.S. & The Atlantic Pact

THE Press of Western Europe, by judging from their quoted comments, been startled and shocked by the policy statement made by United States senators a month ago, proposed Atlantic Pact. Reaction has bordered on the hysterical, and there is obvious resentment over the declaration that it is not the intention of the United States to plunge automatically into war should one of the signatories to the pact be subjected to a state hostile attack by another state. Justification for the outbreak is not to be easily appreciated. The policy enunciated by Senators Connally and Vandenberg would seem to conform to the American Constitution which has always insisted upon the supreme right of Congress to decide whether or not the nation should go to war. This does not necessarily imply that the United States, as a signatory to a mutual defence alliance, would not honour its obligations, but it does preserve the right of America to follow a procedure which it regards as unconstitutionally unconstitutional. It would be easy, of course, to read into this policy statement a continuance of America's traditional dislike of getting herself involved in European affairs, but the political developments of the past four years thoroughly discounts any such conclusion. The United States cannot escape certain commitments in Europe and furthermore she has given no indication that she desires or intends to. On the contrary, the Marshall Plan, American support for and participation in the creation of a Western European Union, and her willingness to share in an Atlantic Pact all demonstrate her awareness of the important part she is destined, by virtue of World War II, to play in maintaining the future security and

peace of Europe. To suggest that the United States, because she insists upon adopting a constitutional procedure in the event of being called upon to go to war which has not yet been fully written, let alone signed and ratified, is unreasonable. If the Atlantic Pact, when it is concluded, turns out to be what the prophets foretell, it will be designed to create a solid defensive alliance between the Western Hemisphere against any warlike action on the part of Soviet Russia and her satellites. It is inconceivable that any other Power would act in such a way as to make it necessary for the Atlantic Pact to be invoked, and as the United States has very positively declared its intention to resist any further aggression by Russia, it can be taken for granted that if the Kremlin decided to provoke a war, America would not hesitate to stand by the terms of her alliances. This, we now know, would require Congressional approval according to the Constitution, but the act could be regarded as a formality. There is room for sympathy for the Western Union nations in their keen desire to have certain guarantees from the United States, but at the same time it is fair to expect America to insist that she too will enjoy safeguards, even if they only amount to respect for her Constitution. To suggest that the Western European Powers have been "sold down the river" by the latest Senate policy declaration is ridiculous. In any event, the full terms of the Atlantic Pact have still to be agreed upon and then confirmed by the signatories. There will be time enough for recommitments (if any are warranted) when the conditions of the proposed alliance are finalised.

## LI TSUNG-JEN TIGHTENS HIS HOLD ON GOVERNMENT

### Criticism Directed At Sun Fo

## NATIONALIST CASUALTIES CLAIMED BY REDS

Shanghai, Feb. 15.—The gradual tightening of control of the Chinese Government by President Li Tsung-jen, with the imminent resignation of Dr Sun Fo confirmed in every quarter but officially, is another blow at the Conservatives headed by Chen Li-fu, who are still holding to faint hopes that the Generalissimo will return.

Premier Sun Fo's loosening grasp on his own cabinet as well as failure to induce chief organs of the government outside the Cabinet to set up shop in Canton, is giving Li Tsung-jen a stronger hold over the Presidency than when he took over from the Generalissimo.

Almost overlooked in the hectic days of the tug-of-war between the President and the Premier was that part of Li Tsung-jen's statement made when he took over as the acting Chief Executive—that he would, like the Generalissimo, stop down if he failed the peace mission. It was recalled that Li Tsung-jen emphasised at that time that he was taking over for that purpose only.

The speculation was then—and Chen Li-fu and other leaders of the Conservative clique have been banking on it—that Li Tsung-jen would fail, setting the stage for the Generalissimo to take advantage of his qualifying remarks when he bid farewell to Nanking.

But events in the past few days strengthened Li Tsung-jen's hand to the point where it was generally believed that he will in no way consider his work had so far failed, although there were times when it appeared as if Li Tsung-jen's efforts were no use.

Further support was thrown toward Li Tsung-jen yesterday when 120 Legislators in Shanghai voted to return to Nanking to join the quorum already there.

Further criticism was directed toward Premier Sun Fo last night in Nanking by one of the Legislative leaders, Li Feng, who demanded that Sun Fo resign. He said the hurried evacuation of the Cabinet from Nanking "left the country in a state of anarchy with adverse effects on peace and the government's internal and external prestige."

Li Feng added that the removal of the Executive Yuan to Canton was not approved by the Legislative Yuan or promulgated by the President.

He said that Premier Sun Fo should resign now to permit Li Tsung-jen to carry on his peace plans.

The Chinese Red radio took a very cautious viewpoint in reporting the arrival in Peiping of Shanghai's peace delegation. In fact, the broadcast did not mention the word peace, nor did it describe it as a mission of any kind.

The item was confined simply to reporting that "Yen Hui-ching, Shao Li-tze, Chiang Chih-shao, Chiang Yung and Huang Chih-han arrived in Peiping by plane from Shanghai at 5 p.m. on the 14th."—United Press.

### KMT LOSSES

Bucharest, Feb. 15.—Some Chinese Communist statistics of Kuomintang losses over two and a half years of operations were reported in a Cominform bulletin today.

Listed in an official Chinese Communist communiqué issued on February 4, the figures given were: Kuomintang casualties and prisoners 4,500,000, of which 71 percent were regular troops. This included 2,603,000 prisoners.

Kuomintang generals captured 607, surrendered 105 and killed 67.

Territory liberated 300,000 square kilometres and 55,000,000 inhabitants, bringing the total of territory under Communist control to 2,580,000 square kilometres and 100,000,000 inhabitants.

In two and a half years, Chinese Communists have captured 170 major towns, bringing the total under their control to 737.

### REST OF THE CLAIMS

The mixed bag for the last two and a half years included the general headquarters of the military zone of eleven army groups, of three classification zones, of four reorganised armies with headquarters thrown in, of some 67 armies and 73 divisions.

The statistics also claim 240 divisions, 594 regiments and 222 battalions.

Following are Kuomintang items listed as captured by the Communists: 1,100,000 rifles and sub-machine guns, 170,000 machine guns, 30,000 artillery pieces, 2,200,000 shells, some 220,000,000 cartridges, some 1,000,000 hand grenades, 38 planes, 242 tanks, 214 armoured cars, 772 locomotives and 9,300 motor cars.—Associated Press.

### APPEAL TO CHIANG?

Nanking, Feb. 15.—A Chinese press report said today that Canton legislators referred the dispute of the Legislative Yuan's meeting place to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek. If the report was correct, (Continued on Page 5)

## LI TSUNG-JEN TIGHTENS HIS HOLD ON GOVERNMENT



The platform of the Shanghai North Station is shown here with refugees waiting for train space to the south. These are families of Nationalist soldiers retreating from the Communists.—AP Picture.

## No More US Troops For MacArthur

Washington, Feb. 15.—General Douglas MacArthur's request for more American troops in Japan has been rejected, Secretary of the Army, Mr Kenneth Royall, said on Tuesday.

"He was told it would be impractical to put more troops over there," Mr Royall said after returning from an 18-day inspection trip through the Pacific area.

He spent six days in Japan. Whether to build up United States military strength there has been a behind-the-scenes issue for months. General MacArthur, Supreme Allied Commander in Japan, is understood to have reported to the Army Department that Communist advances in China have upset Japan's strategic situation.

### NO CHANGE LIKELY

Mr Royall confirmed that General MacArthur previously had expressed the hope he could be allowed more troops, and brought up the matter again during the Secretary's visit. No change is contemplated either in troop strength or command in Japan, Mr Royall said.

Back of this development is a long argument which dates back to the early years of the war. One school of thought contends that the Far East is vastly important, and should receive more attention from military planners in Washington.

Washington officials, on the other hand, reply that even the United States is not strong enough to keep a global defence line uniformly powerful, and that it must concentrate its strength where it will do the most good. In the view of these officials, Europe must have priority over the Far East.

### NO DISCUSSION

Mr Royall said there was no discussion of General MacArthur coming back to the United States.

"He didn't say anything, and I didn't," Mr Royall asserted. Latest available figures on comparative United States troop strength in Europe and the Pacific area are several months old. At that time there were reported to be about 90,000 in Europe and about 125,000 in MacArthur's command, which takes in Japan, Korea, Okinawa and other islands.—Associated Press.

## Mr Walter Koates' Condition

It was stated at the Queen Mary Hospital this morning that the condition of Mr Walter Koates, editor-in-chief of the China Mail, remains unchanged. Mr Koates was involved in an accident on Monday evening, and is suffering from a fractured skull.

## Refugees Jam Station

## Britain To Spend More On Defence

\$759,860,000 For Year 1949-50

London, Feb. 15.—Britain will spend \$759,860,000 on defence for the year 1949-50 compared with \$692,600,000 for 1948-49, according to a Government White Paper published tonight. She will aim at a fighting strength of 750,000 men in 1950. The three fighting Services will have 793,000 men this April instead of 716,000 owing to conscription being extended from one year to 18 months.

The White Paper added that while more than a million recruits and National Service men had passed through the Services since demobilisation, the Services suffered from lack of men with long experience or a high degree of service skill.

Men called up this year will under the National Service Acts be liable for part-time service from mid-1950 onwards.

### JET SECRETS

Fraser Wighton, Reuter's Political Correspondent, writes: The secrets of new British jet fighter planes approaching the speed of sound, and the latest measures to meet the atom bomb threat, lie behind Britain's increased defence measures for 1949-50, as outlined in the official Parliamentary paper published tonight.

The document gives the net financial provision for defence purposes as £759,860,000. Authoritative quarters tonight indicated that the actual measure of British defence expansion authorised by the emergency measures last September is about £66 million.

This sum represents new British jet fighter types outmoding the first Comets and Venetians, the equipment of overseas squadrons, including those of the Middle East, with jets. The whole of Britain's home squadrons have already been re-equipped with jet aircraft.

The expansion represents "go ahead" orders on naval construction at present outstanding, though not for proposed new "Zulu" class cruisers. It covers the overhauling and repair of a vast quantity of material still held from the second World War, including tanks and lorries of various kinds.

### SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

It provides also for the most advanced type of scientific research into methods of countering the threat from atomic and other weapons.

The financial provision for defence for 1948-49 was £692,600,000 compared with £759,860,000 for 1949-50. But supplementary estimates are due for the current year which may increase the total by £25 million and bring it much nearer to the provisional figure for 1949-50.

The key figure of the new report is the provision of £694,500,000 for the Army, Navy and Air Force, an increase of about £107,500,000 on the previous year's figure.—Reuter.

## ISRAELI-EGYPT ARMISTICE TALKS DEADLOCK ENDS

Rhodes, Feb. 15.—The deadlock in the armistice talks at Rhodes between the Jews and the Egyptians has been broken and an agreement is "close at hand," an informed conference source told Reuter.

The source said both delegations had agreed to Ajlaj, the Israeli-held town in the Negev desert near the Egyptian frontier, becoming the headquarters of the Armistice Supervisory Commission. As such the town would be a "No Man's Land," it added.

The question of Ajlaj has blocked the armistice negotiations for the past fortnight. The Jews have rejected an earlier Egyptian suggestion that the town, which was captured by the Israelis in their last Negev offensive, should be a "neutral zone."

The Armistice Commission is expected to be headed by Brigadier General William Riley, Chief of Staff to the United Nations acting Mediator, Dr Ralph Bunche, and to include a high-ranking officer of both sides. The delegations are now faced with two main tasks, a decision on Beer-sheba (the Negev capital captured by the Israelis in the fighting last October), and the disposition of Israeli troops in the Eastern Negev.

### GIVE UP CLAIMS

The Egyptians are believed to have given up their claims, made early in the conference, that Beer-sheba should be Arab administered. The Israelis rejected this, saying that Beer-sheba not only controls the main road south to the Egyptian border, but also two important roads to the Transjordan front, east to Hebron and southeast to Akaba.

The Israelis asserted that Transjordan had not yet settled an armistice with Israel and they could not afford to surrender control of this vital road junction.

According to informed sources, the Egyptians now accept the Israeli point of view and are likely to concede the Israeli control of the town in exchange for guarantees that Israel will show no aggressive intention towards Egypt.

The informed quarters said that the agreement on Beer-sheba was likely to be made today or tomorrow.

### ISRAELI TROOPS

On the question of Israeli troops in the Eastern Negev, the Egyptians are concerned with their proximity to Egyptian territory, maintaining they could constitute a military threat.

The Israelis, on the other hand, argue that these men are needed to face the Transjordan frontier pending an armistice settlement with King Abdullah. Here again the Israelis appear to have won their point and informed quarters thought the Jews would be allowed to keep their forces in the Eastern Negev subject to loose supervision by the Armistice Commission.

Both sides have already reached agreement on two other points, which had been regarded as among the conference's main difficulties—the Egyptian-held coastal strip and the Southern Negev town of Bir Asluj (also captured by the Israelis in the fighting towards the end of last year). It was believed that the Gaza coastal strip would remain in Egyptian hands.

### 12 ARTICLES APPROVED

This has already been mainly done, a usually well informed source told Reuter today. He said that 12 of the 14 articles had been approved by both sides.

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# WOMANSENSE

## It's in the bag, says the LINER GIRL

IN LONDON for the opening of fashion week were buyers, writers and fashion followers from New York. What clothes did they bring? PATRICIA LENNARD analyses the wardrobe of one trans-Atlantic traveller

EVERY time the Queen Elizabeth or Queen Mary docks at Southampton a flock of international glamour-girls—film stars, social notabilities, fashion careerists—appear at the rail. Their lovely hats, lovely legs and lovely furs look trim and fresh.

How is it that while a cross-Channel trip reduces most travellers to the common denominator of raincoat and scarf, a minority look so well?

A clothes analysis of the fortunate few reveals iron-hard common sense plus the kind of basic travel wardrobe that the raincoated majority of travellers could easily afford if they thought a little. It consists of what I would call "Teamables, packables and uncrushables."

Pauline Alper, who is the Director of Sales and Advertising and Merchandising in a New York fabric firm, tells the inside story of packing for travel.

"I like to travel in wool jersey because it doesn't crush, keeps me warm. I have separate jersey blouses and skirts, which together team up to make a dress. Instead of trying to keep evening things crease-free, I pack an evening skirt of thick flowered tulle, a tulle top, so thick and heavy it stands by itself and could never crease."

"With this, I take along a series of crocheted silk evening sweaters, sleeveless and off-the-shoulder, which match the colours of the flowers in the skirt."

"Hats are no problem: I simply pack berets in velvets, in felt and in imitation furs, to go with all my clothes."

"I bring along dozens of 18in. square scarves to tuck in my belt, knot at my throat or just to carry."

And my make-up is all in one holder shaped like a compartmented tube—each section uncovers in turn to show lipstick, cream, powder."

Pauline Alper's brother-in-law, a furrier, sends her out in a mink cape with separate mink scarf, a white mutation mink cape-stole, a tailored black broadtail jacket. And her husband, a painter, makes her fabulous hats of multi-coloured ribbons, crusted with minute shells, beads, buttons and sequins. Even these, however, pack easily, slip in with the teamables, packables and uncrushables.



OUTFIT 1.—Double-breasted box jacket in broadtail over two-piece green jersey dress, green beret to match.



OUTFIT 2.—Tulle evening skirt thick enough to stand alone, worn with skimpy silk crocheted sweater.

## Children 'Who Won't Eat' In Three Groups

By HERMAN N. BUNDESEN, M.D.

THE child who will not eat is a problem not only to his parents but to the doctor as well for there is no one method which is uniformly successful in dealing with him.

There are three groups of children who commonly create difficulties of this kind.

First, there is the sick child. He cannot be expected to eat, for his loss of appetite is a symptom of some general disturbance or the outcome of a local disorder such as an ear infection, decayed teeth, or sore mouth.

The second group is made up of normal, healthy children who have been mismanaged by their parents. In the third group are children who do not eat because of severe emotional disturbances. Most children who fiddle and dawdle over their food only to refuse it in the end are found in the second group.

Some physicians feel that one of the causes of refusal to eat lies in

the fact that babies are sometimes given solid food too early. In most instances, the baby is ready to handle solid foods when he is from three to four months of age. The physician can make sure by placing a tongue depressor in the infant's mouth. If the baby accepts this without crying, he is ready for solid foods.

Mothers sometimes attempt to give the baby more food than he needs. They are also prone to insist on foods which the baby does not like because they are, in Mother's opinion, good for him. Both practices make for the development of poor appetite. Then, too, mothers feed the baby when he ought to be feeding himself.

### Mother's Fault

Thus, in most instances, a feeding problem is one which the mother creates for herself. Conflicts develop between the mother and the child if she attempts to force food on him.

Many such mothers just do not seem to be able to give the advice even the physician gives. There seems to be little use in telling these parents to allow the child to have some of the food he likes. The entire relationship between the mother and the child is wrong, and before the poor appetite can be overcome, this relationship must be corrected.

Often the refusal of food goes back to difficulties in the first few weeks of life. Hence, it is important for mothers to adopt the right attitude toward eating early in the child's care. In this way poor appetite problems may be prevented.

## A Touch Of Glitter



By GRACE THORNCLIFFE

SEQUINS are the shining success of the season for there is a touch of glitter on a number of dresses. A touch of silver, white and gold sequins plus a bit of bead embroidery adds controlled glitter to this svelte afternoon frock of deep gray crepe. The embroidery is used at one hip where the draped tunic takes a slanting line. One panel falls in a cascading drapery at one side over a straight, slim skirt. The simple bodice has a V-neckline and long narrow sleeves.

## School In A Factory

MANY boys and girls of school-leaving age in Britain are finding the business of learning the rudiments of their chosen trade a much less arduous task than was the case a generation ago. For many industrial firms today are organising trade schools for their junior employees. Here the young people not only learn how to do their own jobs but also gain valuable general knowledge of the work of the firm as a whole.

These trade schools are designed to help bridge the gap between school and adult life, and the social side of the pupils' education is carefully planned. For instance, one firm in Belfast, Northern Ireland, where the famous linen is woven, provides classes in physical training, hygiene and elocution in addition to technical classes. It was found that even the youngsters who did not at first take kindly to the idea of "going back to school" found the atmosphere in the training school so friendly that they became keenly interested in both the technical and the social side. Before long, glowing accounts of the work in the school were being circulated, and the first batch of trainees neared the end of their training, the school was filled with eager new pupils.

## Water— Hard & Soft

By ELEANOR ROSS

ONE of the tried and tested friends of the homemaker is a water softener; and so it is always something of a surprise to come upon so many women who go on, year after year, putting up with hard water and all its discomforts and difficulties. Water softeners do really help to take the drudgery out of housework and assist in many ways in balancing the budget. Because most municipal water softeners do not reduce the hardness of the water as much as possible.

The housewife with a water softener in use, will be increasingly aware of time and labour saved in every household chore that requires water. Softened water will help develop grease-cutting suds more quickly; hence less soap is used in the process. And right there is a real budget saver.

### High Mineral Content

Hard water or water with a high mineral content, causes streaks on china and glassware which have to be polished off with vigorous wiping. Painted surfaces and porcelain clean more easily without the use of abrasives, and softened water will not leave a dirt-collecting, sticky film on woodwork. Household laundering in soft water which is easier and preserves the life of the fabrics, which offers another budget saver. Soft water bathing eliminates skin irritation often caused by hard water bathing. Soft water does not destroy soap and never forms sticky, unpleasant soap curds. Soft water, too, does away with deposits of scales in pipes, water heaters and boilers. Whenever hard water is heated, this scale is deposited, choking off the flow of water, wasting fuel, and perhaps eventually causing the expensive replacement of plumbing. We have this on the word of the plumbing and heating industry, so it's not just talk.

And, for a final convincer, cooking is faster with soft water, and food tastes better. Coffee or tea made with soft water have more real flavour and save about 1/3 on the amount of coffee or tea used; another distinct budget aid!

## BEAUTY FROM NEW ZEALAND

ONE United Kingdom export which is likely to play an historic role has recently been delivered to the most distant member of the Commonwealth from Britain. It consists of 130 pieces of exquisite hand-painted china, made at Stoke-on-Trent, England, for Lady Freyberg, wife of the Governor General of New Zealand. Had it not been necessary to postpone the projected Royal tour, owing to His Majesty's illness, the china would have been used this Spring when Lady Freyberg entertained King George VI. and Queen Elizabeth.

The china comprises dessert, tea and breakfast sets, each piece beautifully ornamented with designs of flowers, birds and ferns to be found in New Zealand. Fine examples of British craftsmanship, no pains have been spared to ensure that these designs should not only be exquisite works of art, but also true in every detail. To this end one of the pottery artists spent a week at the botanical gardens at Kew, London, where he was able to study New Zealand plants and ferns growing.

## Don't Neglect a Nice Skin



Nightly cleansing of the skin with a good cream is a beauty rule every girl should keep.

By HELEN FOLLETT

WHEN women gather together for a little pleasant gabbling and the question of complexion comes up, you would think that every feminine face in the land was beset with skin defects. The cutaneous coating is too dry or too oily. So they fancy. As if Nature had never produced one that qualified! There are millions of women who are blessed with fine-textured complexions of pleasing colouring. They have taken care of them, that's why. They got an early start in that 100 year war against old mearle Time.

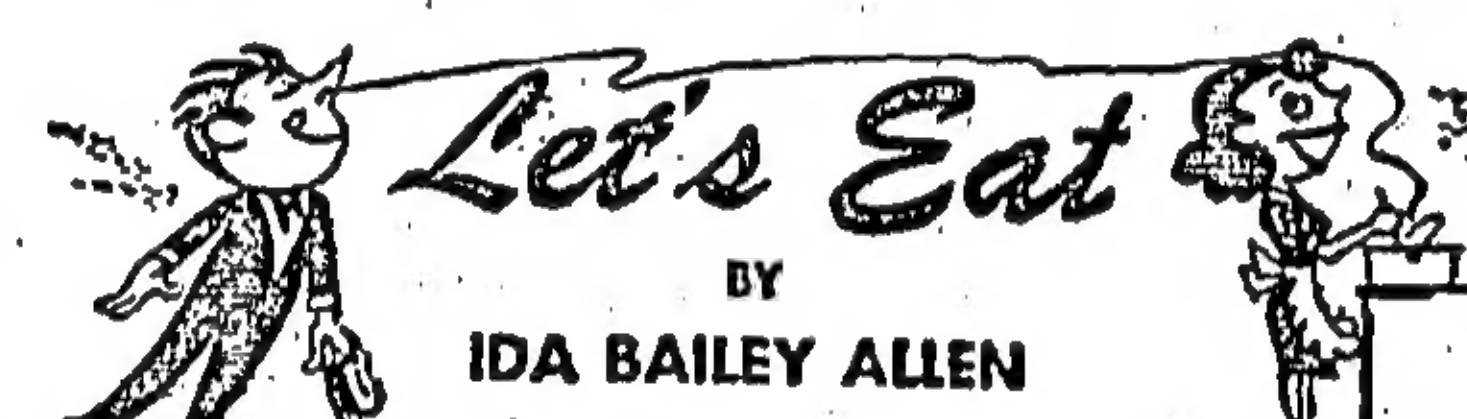
Many defects are caused by neglect. The girl who retires at night without removing make-up should be told that unless she takes a clean face to bed with her, the skin will not function normally. It is better to remove the war paint with a light cream than to go at it with nail and soap suds. The soapy cleansing should follow the creamy one. After a rinsing with warm water, a

gentle drying, more cream should be applied.

Lubrifications give life to the epidermal structure. They impart surface smoothness. The light massage necessary for spreading the fragrant emollient stimulates the blood streams and helps keep tissues firm. Just be careful not to push the flesh up around the eyes if you are past the thirtieth milestone. Fat and sleep.

If the skin is dry, and you live in a steam heated apartment, put water containers on every radiator and keep them filled to the top. More fatty elements in the diet will urge the sebaceous glands to perform more actively.

If the skin is oily, wash your face every night with a rich, sudsy lather and a complexion brush. After rinsing and drying apply a lotion made by dissolving one teaspoonful of ordinary baking soda in a cup of water. Every morning use cold water freely, apply witch hazel with pledgets of cotton.



## Prunes an Economical Buy

"EIGHTY three, eighty four," counted the Chef, "eighty five of these nice small prunes to one pound; Is it a good buy, Madam?"

"A very economical buy," I agreed. "In fact, small prunes often have finer flavour than large ones."

"And the large ones—come only about thirty to a pound continued the Chef. "So you see we get many more for the money by buying the small ones. Also there is less waste."

### Vitamin Values

"Prunes and all other dried fruits are certainly not in the luxury class," I added. "The vitamin values of all dried fruits are good. The mineral values are excellent too, and the energy content is very high. Fortunately they are very plentiful this winter, and all smart homemakers will take advantage of them."

"Many persons don't buy them because they think they must be cooked for hours. But this is an old-fashioned method, that not only takes too much time, but actually impairs the vitamin values."

The up-to-date method is very simple. Just wash the fruit thoroughly in lukewarm water. Drain, and put in a good-sized sauce pan; pour over boiling water to cover; put on a lid and let stand overnight, or better 24 hours. Or instead of water use boiling hot apricot whole fruit nectar, pineapple juice or syrup drained from canned fruits.

### Ready to Serve

Soaking alone makes prunes ready to serve. But figs, peaches, pears and apricots should be soaked, then slow-simmered in the same liquid for about 20 minutes. Add a little sugar or honey to peaches, pears and apricots after cooking; but no sugar for figs—just a little lemon juice instead. All the dried fruits are excellent for breakfast, either plain, or with ready-prepared, or hot cooked cereals.

"It's a good plan to keep two kinds of cooked dried fruits in the refrigerator always ready to use," observed the Chef.

"I have a friend whose cooking facilities are limited, who puts a dish of dried prunes in water on her radiator each evening, and so achieves hot prunes for her morning breakfast," I laughed.

"One of the most popular lunch-corn salads in restaurants the year round is a fig, apricot or prune salad with cottage cheese," the Chef went on. "And Madame, dried fruits are the basis of many delicious compotes served in fine hotels. They are always well chilled and arranged in large glass sauce dishes, or in china sauce dishes with an attractive border."

Dinner  
Beef and Vegetable Soup (Lettovers)  
Escalloped Potatoes with Cheese  
Crisp Bacon Mashed Squash  
Moulded Beef and Cabbage Salad  
Apricot Custard  
Coffee or Tea Milk (Children)

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Beef and Vegetable Soup  
Put the remainder of yesterday's casserole of beef and vegetables into a good-sized sauce pan. Add 1 c. solid-pack tinned tomato, 1 qt. water, 2 bouillon cubes or 1 tsp. beef extract, 1/2 tsp. celery salt, 1/4 tsp. powdered bayleaf and 1 chopped onion slightly fried. In 1 tbsp. butter or margarine. Cover and simmer 30 min. Serve in soup bowls.

Moulded Beef and Cabbage Salad  
First prepare the gelatin mixture as follows: Soak 1 envelope unflavored gelatin 5 min. in 1/4 c. cold water. Then add 1 c. boiling water, 1/2 c. beet juice, (sieved from boiled beets) 1/4 c. very mild vinegar, 1/2 tsp. lemon juice, 1/4 tsp. salt and 3 tsp. sugar. Chill until beginning to thicken. Then stir in 1 1/2 c. fine-chopped crisp white cabbage, 1 c. fine-chopped cooked or tinned beets and 2 tbsp. prepared, horse-radish. Transfer to an 8" square pan, first rinsed with cold water. Chill about 4 hrs. or until firm. Cut in squares and serve on shredded lettuce; top with 1/2 tsp. cooked salad dressing or mayonnaise.

Apricot Pudding  
Rub a qt.-sized baking dish with butter or margarine. Line with fine crumbs of leftover cake or cookie. On the bottom put 1 1/2 c. sweetened stewed apricots. Pour over a plain sweetened custard mixture, and bake 45 min. in a moderate oven, 350 to 375° F. If the custard starts to boil, reduce the heat. It will be done when a knife inserted in the centre comes out clean.

Plain Custard Mixture: Scald 2 c. milk. Meanwhile beat 2 eggs, (Grade A or B) until well-mixed. Add 1/3 c. sugar, 1/4 tsp. cinnamon or nutmeg, and a few grains salt. Beat again. Then stir in the scalded milk. Use as directed.

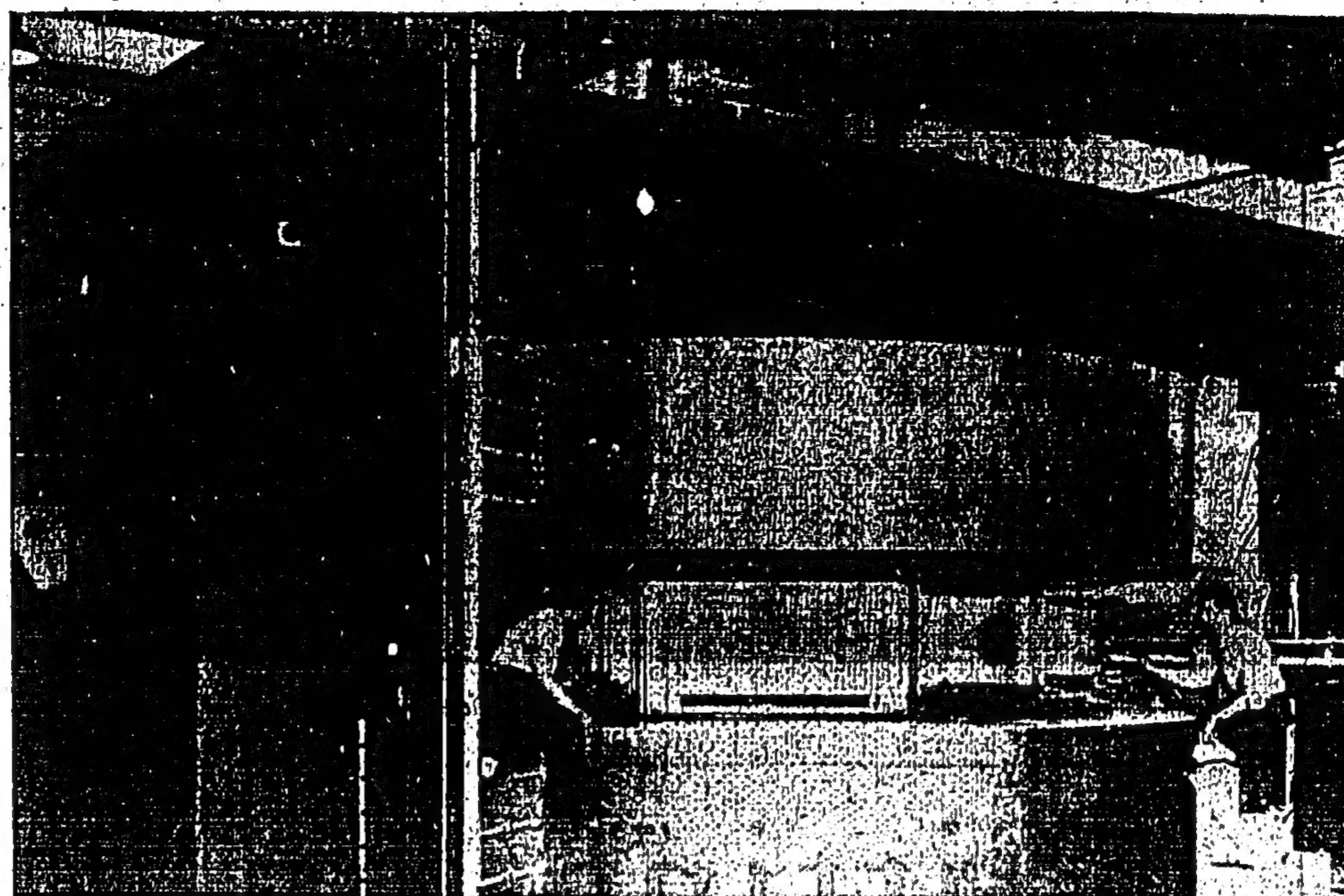
Trick of the Chef  
When using raisins or other dried fruits in cake or quick breads, put them through the course knife of the food chopper. They go farther, and there is less tendency to sink.



# WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



**COMPLICATED CONTROL BOARD**—Flight Engineer Dock R. Lee, Jr., checks the engines on a clipper plane in New York. The new engine analyser warns of trouble developing in any of the plane's four engines. The cathode ray scope shows the exact difficulty in any of the 72 cylinders or 144 spark plugs.



**NEW CYCLOTRON**—Technicians examine the University of Rochester's new 250,000,000-volt cyclotron. The 1,100-ton magnet yoke is enclosed between cylindrical magnetic poles which contain 16 miles of aluminum coils. It took two and a half years of planning, construction and development to complete the cyclotron.



**GALLANTRY IN ACTION**—Nicky Skey laces on Pat Edward's skates in a London skating arena. The five-year-olds were the youngest to compete in the Open Novice championship contests.



**TESTING RESULTS**—Dr. Sidney Barnes, left, and Dr. Joseph Platt check radioactivity of the new 250,000,000-volt cyclotron at Rochester University (see top centre picture). Standing behind a lead screen, the pair check a carbon target which has been made radioactive by bombardment of protons.



**IN A FOG**—This engine got lost in a fog in Albany, New York. Heavy mist caused the engineer to mistake a spur track for the main line, and the train went off the track. The fog was so thick that a time exposure was necessary to take this picture.



**GOOD START**—Miss Jeanne Crow of St Petersburg, Florida, has a good start in her ambition to become a model. In a contest with over 300 entrants she was chosen queen of the New York Press Photographers' 20th annual ball in New York.



This little Spanish girl, Stephanie Villalba, romps on a pile of luggage aboard the liner Queen Mary, which took her to the United States to join her parents in Philadelphia.



**HONOURED GUEST**—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, right, congratulates Maj. Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor at a luncheon given to the retiring superintendent of the United States Military Academy by industrialist Thomas J. Watson, left. The other member of the group is Francis Cardinal Spellman.



**THE CONVENTIONAL BRIBE**—Actor Tyrone Power and his bride, Linda Christian, pass a bottle of wine to a traffic policeman in Rome. The Italian custom goes in conjunction with celebration of Feast of the Epiphany, the significance being that they hope they won't have to obey traffic laws for the rest of the year.

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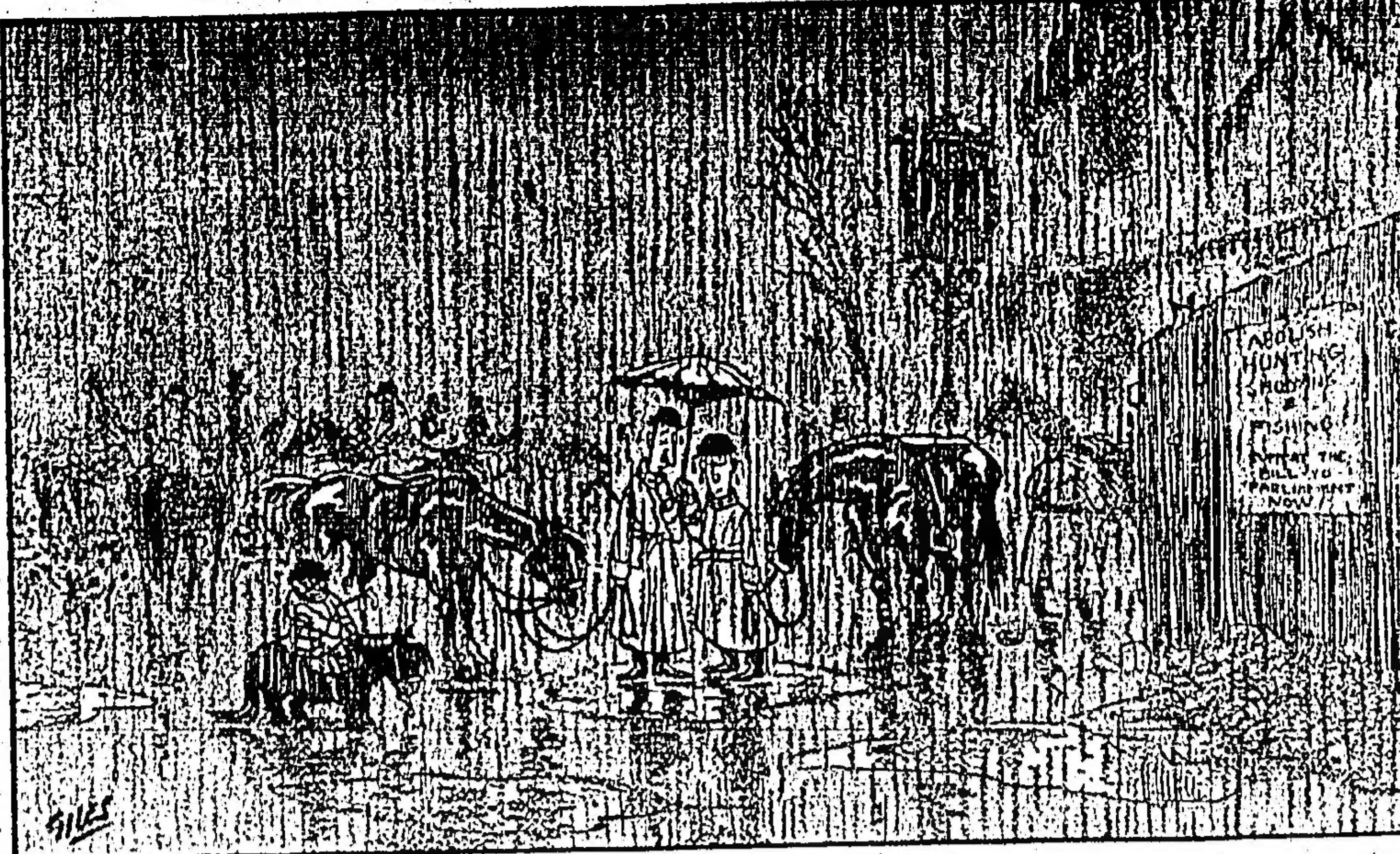
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"I think to call us 'Bloodthirsty red-coated privileged-class fiends' is laying it on a bit thick, y'know."

## Sitting on the Fence

by NATHANIEL GUBBINS

"WELL," said the Sweep, "I see we're going to be all right by 1952."

"Go on?" I said.

"And very nice, too."

"Very nice."

"Better than gittin' worse or stayin' as we are."

"Much better."

"Though so far as me and you are concerned," said the Sweep, "I reckon we shall just about average it by then."

"What you want is to forget all about it and ave one for the road."

"We've ad two world wars with beer gittin' weaker and dearer after each."

"That's right."

"And taxes gittin' igher and igher."

"Too true."

"We've been on the ration for near on ten years."

"We ave."

"And then they ask you to save the money they've pinched from you. Cor sufferin' arbishops, it makes you think, don't it?"

"It certainly do."

"By the time you and me wako up on New Year's Day, 1952," said the Sweep, "we shall ave been bled white by the tax collector and won't ave no money to buy any beer even if it's cheaper."

"We certainly won't."

"In fact," said the Sweep, "it's quite likely that we won't ave any money to buy extra rations, even if it's only another Canadian egg a week."

"Quite likely."

"Because you needn't reckon on gittin' your postwar credits."

"I ain't reckonin' on it."

"So far as them there credits are concerned," said the Sweep, "they're oin most of us will die before we git paid out, which is ighly probable."

"Tully probable."

"And as most of those alive will ave lost their credit forms, they'll ave a nice little nest egg to go on feedin' them there little old Germans for a few more years."

"They will an all."

"Cor stone the crows, I reckon them there little old Germans must be avin a laugh."

"I reckon they must."

"I see they're better fed than they ever was."

"That's right."

"They're gittin' their steel industries back."

"Yes."

"And now we're tryin to civilize them by showin' them a bit of English fox untin. Cor strike a light, as if you could teach them anythink new about blood sports."

"As if,"  
"All the same, you don't want to start snivellin' about nothink."  
"I ain't snivellin'."  
"What you want is to forget all about it and ave one for the road."  
"The skin off your nose," said the Sweep.  
"The skin off your nose."

strain of new A.R.P. worm's health will break down and City employers will jump at opportunity to fire worm from office boy's job so that wife will never be able to hold head up in Worm's-avenue grain.

THE chief point made by a Frenchman, M. Jean Balthache, in "The Secret of the English," a penetrating but unusually friendly analysis of the English character, is that our silence, our repression of emotions, our habit of understatement, and even our apparent lack of enthusiasm over good food (if we can get it) is an unconscious but universal national effort to conserve our energies for great moments.

This, he believes, is the secret of "the miracle of 1940," and many more miracles which have baffled the Germans and other wooden-headed barbarians in the past.

If puny, undersized worm had commanding presence like gas manager, who could quell raspberry-blowers with a look, and who, no doubt, will soon be in charge of whole Civil Defence area, apart from managing gas and being head of Rotarians, wife wouldn't mind being left to deal with atom bomb alone, as she was left to deal with H.E.s and doodlebugs and V2s alone.

As it is, worm will spend three or four evenings a week with witty worm friends, trying to learn things he will never understand and spending pitiful pittance in low taverns. Like millionaire play boy, and will probably catch death of cold, be absent from parade and fined £5, which would go towards buying new curtains to replace threadbare rags now hanging in miserable hovel.

Moreover, wife can see Civil Defence leading to more reunion dinners.

Not content with Kaiser's war reunion dinners, Home Guard reunion dinners, and club dinners, gluttonous worm will soon be going to Civil Defence dinners where wives are not invited, instead of going to Rotarian dinners, like gas manager, and entertaining ladies of inner wheel, with sherries in bar before soup is served and champagne in buckets of ice throughout meal.

Moreover, as worm has neither brains nor constitution to stand

### Now you know

THE only real sickness in the country is in black market circles, where they make themselves ill with overeating.

"My husband says if the Ministry of Food really wanted to know the names of black market operators they would only have to look at the doctors' case books."

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"The smaller the place and the smaller the overheads, the more they charge you for drinks."

"Brenda's husband's thinking of breaking windows so that he can get into prison to escape her awful cooking."

"Margaret's father says that instead of troops having field training they will have cocktail party training for the alcoholic bomb war."

"With my income tax I should think I have bought new dentures for every old-age pensioner in the country."

"Of course, if they nationalise hotels and pubs that will be the end of the Government."

"Who's going to pay for everything when Stafford Cripps has taken and spent all our money?"

"Margaret's father says that alcohol bombs will make war so enjoyable that people will be declaring war on each other just for the fun of it."

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This must be why Englishmen hide their faces behind newspapers in trains, refusing to take part in any conversation more exhausting than "Mind the window, open!"

"Not a b\*t," why they never waste energy complaining about food in a restaurant, but pay the bill, go grimly out and never come back; why they walk away from you or talk bantering nonsense if you try to engage them in a tedious discussion on politics or any other controversial matter; why they hate kissing goodbye on railway stations, and greet long absent friends they love with "Hello, you. Had a good time?" why they prefer animals to men because they can't argue; why they avoid people they dislike rather than suffer the emotional disturbance of a quarrel; why they hate anybody who is a nuisance, disturbing their peace of mind.

Yet, according to M. Balthache, our passions run higher and our emotions are more violent than the passions and emotions of any other people on earth.

Watch out Lady Snapdragon. The bishop is not as indifferent as he seems.

### Party conversation

"My husband says if you formed up his female relations in column of threes it would take them an hour to march past any given point."

"Margaret's father's invented a new bomb to humanise war. It is filled with alcohol, which atomises when the bomb explodes and makes your enemies happily light."

### NEW YORK CABLE-LETTER:

## This Screen Hypnosis

By FREDERICK COOK

NEW YORK.

THOSE of us who live in America are now face to face with the fact that, so far as this country is concerned, the television age is upon us. There are only about 900,000 sets in the entire country, yet television is already having the most profound effects on home life, the show business, children and animals, travelling, having a tooth pulled—and the general prospects of the populace retaining a semblance of sanity.

In Greenwich Village, New York's pale imitation of the Quartier Latin and of Chelsea, a church has had to put in a television set to keep the youngsters from spending their time in the local taverns, where the television is free.

In Brooklyn a restaurant has decided to close down every Tuesday from 8 to 9 p.m., and has put a card in the window reading: "Dedicated to the Milton Berle television show."

On Sixth Avenue the owner of a bar has been arrested for permitting his 10-year-old son to sit close to the bar in order to see the television.

In California land agents are advertising sites not because they have a view, but because they are "ideally located" for television. In New York no mother can hire a baby-sitter unless she can prove that television is installed, and is in working order.

Teachers are alarmed because they fear children are losing the reading habit, running their eyes by sitting hour after hour over a flickering television screen. Sports promoters complain that people flock into stadiums no more. Why should they, when they can see the game by their own fireside?

Lending libraries are in the doldrums. People cannot read and watch television at the same time. One of Manhattan's top night clubs holds up its floor show now until the patrons have finished watching the prize fights on the club's television set.

Husbands, say wives, are staying at home more. But more meals than ever before are being ruined—either burned while the wife is, in the drawing-room looking at the set herself, or left to go cold while the family gaze at the programme and forget the food.

Even specialists report far more eyestrain cases. Living rooms remain darkened night after night, and those who get tired of television try to read with insufficient light so as not to spoil the fun for the rest.

Furniture-makers say more chairs are wanted, fewer sofas, since chairs can be grouped in rows and sofa parties spoil the view.

New industries are springing up all across the country, in the wake of the latest craze. All kinds of television gadgets are on the market; glasses that glow in the dark so that

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## TELLING TALES

... of the kind of world we live in

ONE by one the filament-type electric light bulbs disappear for ever from the big city offices... and now even in the small towns of England a clerk has been heard to say to a typist: "Darling, I love you—even under fluorescent lighting."

A FIRM of furniture manufacturers wrote to a customer: "Sir—Further to your esteemed order for 20 medium oak chairs, the Board of Trade halved the order and sanctioned only ten."

"Will you please submit a further order for 20 chairs, so that the Board of Trade can halve this, and so give us the requisite number of chairs?"

THE FARMER with a herd of Suffolk cattle—famous as a hornless breed—wanted an export licence to send some of them abroad. It was granted "on condition that brass registration plates are attached to the animals' horns."

IN KENSINGTON there is a man who had his leg amputated during the war. He was entitled to extra soap ration, so he applied for the extra soap coupons.

When they were exhausted he applied for more coupons. The official told him that he could have them if he produced a certificate that his leg was still off.

WESTMINSTER wisecrack: The stately homes of England now house only Borsalotti boys, criminal lunatics, and the National Coal Board, but there is always hope for the first two.

By Ernie Bushmiller

### NANCY Just Like That





## Doc Rafferty.... By BERNARD NEWMAN

Scotland Yard identifies a micro-film found in the glass eye of a murdered man by Doc Rafferty, the police surgeon. It shows the plans of a new pile for making a protonic bomb at Atomville. Papa Pontivy, the ace counter-espionage, is called in.



## REDS IN CHUHSIEN ALLOW MISSIONARIES TO CARRY ON WORK

(By GERALD NOZICK)

Nanking, Feb. 15.—Missionary circles here today told the United Press that the American Protestant Mission centre in Red-occupied Chuhsien, 35 miles northwest of Nanking, had been given approval by the Communist authorities to carry on its religious activities.

The missionaries in Chuhsien, who are members of the United Christian Mission Society of the Disciples of Christ, are George Cherryhones, of Fort Worth, Texas, and Mrs. Irene Goulter of Enid, Oklahoma.

Letters from the Chuhsien missionaries recently received by mission circles here said the Communist military authorities not only granted them permission to carry on religious work, but also gave approval to 15 other United Christian Missions in Red areas which stretch as far north as Pengpu, 110 miles northwest of Nanking.

The letters from the Chuhsien mission, which is the headquarters for the 15 other church centres in this area, were brought out by travellers who crossed through Nationalist and Communist lines.

One of the letters said the Communist troops were "very friendly and courteous and showed every consideration and protection we could ask for." Mission circles here said this was in sharp contrast to conditions in Chuhsien under the Nationalists, who continually tried to occupy mission property.

The Communists were surprised to find that the missionaries had remained in Chuhsien and visited the mission many times, amiably chatting for hours. The letter, without mentioning names, intimated that the mission was visited by some prominent Communists.

The letters said the Communists had placed no restrictions upon the movements of the missionaries, who are planning to travel through the Communist-controlled countryside to visit other long-isolated mission centres.

Mission sources here point out that before the Communists occupied this area travel through the countryside was considered dangerous because of the threat of local bandits. Another letter said there was no disorder in Chuhsien and very little looting when the Nationalist troops pulled out, the day before the Reds entered the town, which is also a rail station on the Pukow-Tientsin line.

Travellers moving between Communist and Nationalist territory said that no difficulty was encountered crossing the Red lines, but the Nationalists were stricter and inspected identification papers.

Meanwhile, United Christian Mission circles here said that since January 30 no word had been received from their missions at Nanking, which is run by two American women, Nanting, 60 miles north of Shanghai, was occupied by the Communists at the beginning of this month.

The two women are Miss Pauline Star, of Worcester, Ohio, and Miss Lyrel T. Gordon, of Danbury, Connecticut.—United Press.

## Subway Fire Kills Three



Firemen attempt to enter a subway station in Boston through a second-storey tower to fight a fire which started underground, causing at least three deaths and then swept upwards through the station. The fire halted all subway traffic, blocked surface traffic in the congested waterfront area and caused a panic among waiting passengers.

—AP Picture.

## Accused Says He Made Loans From Club Funds

### LETTER READ TO COURT IN TRIAL OF NAVAL DOCKYARD CLERK

A statement that he had loaned money to various people from the club's funds was made in a letter written by accused and read to the Court when the trial of Robert George Stewart, 26, clerk employed in the Cashier's Office of the Royal Naval Dockyard, continued before Mr Justice Wicks at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

Accused, who was treasurer of the Naval Dockyard Recreation Club from 1946 until July, 1948, faces four counts of larceny by clerk or servant, two counts of falsification of accounts with intent to defraud and four alternative counts of simple larceny, involving approximately \$18,000.

Mr M. Heenan, Crown Counsel, assisted by ASP R. H. Woodhead, is prosecuting. Mr Percy Chen appears for accused under a scheme of the Bar Association to assist in the defence of poor prisoners.

The Jury empanelled comprises five men and two women. W. E. Jacques, a former secretary of the club, who gave evidence yesterday, told Mr Heenan in re-examination that when the draft balance sheet of the club was produced by the accused, he had no reason to doubt accused's statement that it came from the auditors.

Witness said that on September 10, 1947, the Committee decided to let the fixed deposit of \$8,000 with the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank stand for the ensuing year. Accused, as treasurer, was present. He had therefore no authority to transfer the deposit to current account.

The only relation between the accounts kept by the bar convenor, Flowers, and those kept by accused were in so far as the handing over of the profits of the bar was concerned, witness said. Flowers would have no further excess or control over money so handed over to accused.

J. G. Wickham, civil secretary in the Royal Naval Dockyard, said he took up the appointment in September, 1948, but prior to that he was the Cashier in the Dockyard. Accused was employed as clerk in the Cashier's Office and he was directly under the control of witness.

On July 1 or 2 last year he was approached by Capt. Salter (who was then the chairman of the Recreation Club), witness continued, and as a result of a conversation with him, witness assumed the position of treasurer of the club. A day or so later, accused brought him the account books of the club and explained the manner in which they were kept.

He investigated the books, witness said, and asked accused to obtain bank statements which were subsequently supplied to him.

On July 10 he carried out a check of the accounts and found there was a deficit. He consulted with Jacques and Capt. Salter and as a result of that consultation he passed the books and accounts to the au-

## BERLIN AIRLIFT PLANE CRASHES

Berlin, Feb. 15.—An American Skymaster on the airlift run to Berlin crashed and burst into flame 10 kilometres north of Celle, in the British Zone of Germany, tonight. The crew of another Skymaster which was following reported that they could see the plane blazing on the ground, according to the Wiesbaden headquarters of the United States Air Force.

The crashed plane was believed to have a crew of three. The plane had taken off at 0.17 p.m. local time from a British Zone airlift terminus and was to have flown to Berlin.—Reuter.

## Mystery Gas Ruins Nylons

### GIRLS' STOCKINGS "POP APART"

Jacksonville, (Florida), Feb. 15.—Local girls went to work today with their stockings in their handbags, following the appearance yesterday of a mysterious gas which ruined hundreds of pairs of nylons.

The City Health Department narrowed the "disintegration" district to two blocks and officials said the trouble was probably caused by half-burned particles of fuel and oil soot.

While hundreds of women felt their stockings "popping apart" yesterday, only a trickle of such occurrences was reported today.

But many women complained that their legs were pink with irritation, and many also felt gas burns about their faces and necks.

Lillian Jones, 37, said she had red welts on her face, ankles and shoulders. She said that while waiting for a light to change, she suddenly had a sensation as if something had bitten her.

"I slapped at my legs. When I got ready to punch my time card, I saw girls holding their faces. Others were looking at their stockings. I looked at them and they were in shreds."

The damage occurred in all brands of nylons and City, State and College chemists have begun to test damaged pairs.

In Wilmington, Delaware, a spokesman for Dupont de Nemours Company, which manufactures most of the nylon for stockings, believed a curious combination of acid fumes was responsible.

In Cleveland a year ago a similar occurrence ruined 200 pairs of nylons. Nobody ever found out the cause.—United Press.

## MR J.P. SHERRY RETIRING

Mr John P. Sherry, Managing Director of the Hongkong Telephone Company Ltd., will be retiring next month after many years with the firm.

Mr Sherry, who originally came to Hongkong from England as an engineer for the Telephone Company, has been with the establishment for nearly 30 years. He succeeded Mr James H. Taggart, OBE, as Managing Director in 1938.

Mr Sherry held the rank of major in the communications section during the war and was interned in the Argyll Street officers' camp.

His daughter and son are undergraduates at the Hongkong University.

## Armistice Talks Deadlock Ends

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Once the Israeli-Egyptian agreement is signed, the stage can be set for Israeli-Transjordan talks. A high United Nations source told Reuter today that Transjordan was anxious to come to Rhodes quickly for the armistice talks and had to be warned not to come before the present talks are finished.

It was expected that there would be a gap of a few days between the two sets of negotiations to give the Israeli delegation a rest.

It is fairly well established here that Dr. Weizman, the head of the Israeli delegation will not lead the delegation at the next talks. It is presumed that one of his deputies at the Foreign Ministry, where he is Director General, will take over.

United Nations circles here tempered their optimism with caution despite the favourable trend of the negotiations in the past few days, but it is apparent that they regard the chances of agreement higher today than at any time since the conference opened.—Reuter.

## THIS SCREEN HYPNOSIS

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you do not upset your drink while groping behind you, your eyes glued to the set; revolving chairs so that you can spin round from your dinner and get a glimpse of television between mouthfuls; folding chairs for the neighbours to use when there is a good programme on; special spectacles that "eliminate television's eye-straining glare."

Dentists are putting sets in front of their chairs. Dogs, pet owners are finding, watch television with fascination. Cats, with their imperturbable good sense, will have nothing to do with it, and just walk out.

Theatre tickets are easier to get, and cinema profits increasingly hard to make. Sales are off in home movies, gramophone records, simple radio sets—and especially books.

Television has been tried out in cars. And the trouble is, it works. A New York senator is talking of a Bill to prohibit sets in cars, while there are still any voters left alive.

## Li Tsung-Jen Tightens Hold

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It would be the first attempt to get the temporarily retired President back into the political picture.

The Social Welfare Daily said that Canton legislators met to discuss the Yuan's meeting place and most of the members favouring Canton sent a message to Chiang, who is now in Chikow, Chekiang province, for a decision on the matter.—United Press.

### KOO'S STATEMENT

Washington, Feb. 15.—The Chinese Ambassador, Dr Wellington Koo, said on Tuesday the Nationalist Government is unwilling to make peace with the Communists "without freedom."

Dr Koo said he expressed this attitude in a conference at the State Department with Secretary of State, Mr Dean Acheson.

He said he also took up the matter of extending American aid to the Nationalists.

"I made it clear to the Secretary that while our people are most anxious for peace, they want it with freedom and with national independence and political safeguard," Dr Koo told reporters.

"We do not want peace on any terms, peace without freedom." The envoy said in response to a question that he wished he could be optimistic about the negotiations with the Communists, but commented: "I have not seen any signs of progress."

The present \$400,000,000 programme of United States aid to China is due to expire on April 2.

Dr Koo said the matter of providing new assistance was touched on, and added that he "tried to elicit the views of the United States Government."—Associated Press.

## SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"Oh, is Mrs. Smith your neighbour? We hear so much gossip about her—she must be very popular!"

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Saigon and Paris, 5 p.m.  
Closing Times By Sea:  
Batavia, Sourabaya and Macassar, 5 p.m.  
Bangkok, 2 p.m.

## INCOME TAX CUT IN AUSTRALIA

Canberra, Feb. 15.—The Prime Minister, Mr Joseph Chifley, announced today that the Australian Government would introduce legislation to cut income taxes 25 per cent.

Mr Chifley told the House of Representatives that a reduction in the income and entertainment taxes was made possible by the estimated surplus in the budget.—United Press.



## TEST MATCH

## ENGLAND IN A VERY SOUND POSITION

Johannesburg, Feb. 15.—England finished the third day of the fourth Test match against South Africa here today 318 runs ahead with seven wickets to fall. The match ends tomorrow.

South Africa declared at 257 for 9 wickets in reply to England's first innings total of 379.

Starting their second innings with a lead of 122 runs, England were 196 for 3 wickets at the close of play.

Len Hutton, who has been advised to rest for the next two matches because of the strain of the tour, played a faultless innings of 111 not out in England's second innings.

He gave another fine display of batmanship and reached his second century of the present Test series and his fifth of the tour in three and a quarter hours.

Cyril Washbrook, helped in an opening partnership of 77, but Denis Compton, promoted in the batting order, scratched about uncomfortably for 85 minutes for 23 runs.

Lawrence Markham, the leg-break bowler, who was a failure in the first innings, claimed a notable first Test victim in Compton, who was beaten by a googly.

Dudley Nourse had taken his overnight score to 129 not out when he surprisingly declared South Africa's first innings closed during the luncheon interval.

This move was apparently made in the hope of diminishing England's chances of giving South Africa a chance of going all out for a win, to level the series at one win each, with one more Test to be played.

## EARLIER PLAY

A fighting not-out century by Dudley Nourse, South Africa's captain, not only saved the possibility of his side having to follow on in England today on the third day of the fourth Test, but enabled them to declare at lunch.

South Africa were 257 for nine wickets at lunch in reply to England's first innings score of 379 and they declared, still 122 runs behind.

Nourse batted magnificently, scoring all round the wicket with powerful shots, reaching in just over four hours, and was marred only by a chance of stumping this morning when at 77. It was his second century of the series.

Nourse received solid support from the tall end batsmen, who helped to add 98 runs to South Africa's score in 105 minutes today. Cunn McCarthy, cleverly shielded from the bowling, stayed for 25 minutes before lunch without scoring.

## THE SCOREBOARD

South Africa, 1st Innings					
Mitchell, c Griffith, b Bedser	2				
E. Rowan, run out	0				
K. Viljoen, run out	0				
A. D. Nourse, not out	129				
W. Waite, l.b.w. b Young	6				
T. Harris, b Bedser	12				
A. Rowan, b Glidwin	0				
L. Tuckett, b Young	0				
L. Markham, c Griffith, b Jenkins	20				
M. Mann, c Griffith, b Glidwin	14				
C. McCarthy, not out	0				
Extras	14				
Total (for 9 dec.)	257				

## Bowling Analysis

	O	M	R	W
Bedser	24	3	81	2
Glidwin	24	7	43	2
Jenkins	8	1	39	1
Young	23	6	52	2
Watkins	2	0	9	0
Compton	1	0	19	0

Byes 4, leg-byes 10.  
Fall of wickets—1/4, 2/4, 3/10, 4/126, 5/157, 6/158, 7/161, 8/192 and 10/230.—Reuter.

## The close of play scoreboard reads:

England					
1st Innings 379.					
Hutton, not out	111				
Washbrook l.b.w. b A. Rowan	31				
Compton b Markham	25				
Mann l.b.w. b A. Rowan	16				
Cripp, not out	1				
Extras	12				
(for 3)	106				

## Bowling to date:

	O	M	R	W
McCarthy	7	2	25	0
Tuckett	8	0	32	0
A. Rowan	30	9	53	2
Mann	7	0	20	0
Markham	8	0	34	1
Mitchell	7	1	20	0

## Sheffield Shield

Sydney, Feb. 15.—New South Wales beat South Australia by eight wickets today to win the Sheffield Shield. South Australia still has two matches to play but cannot now overtake New South Wales, who have completed their programme.

The champion State knocked off the 105 runs needed for victory today for the loss of only one more wicket—that of Arthur Morris.—Reuter.

## SPORTING SAM



By Reg. Wootton

## Negroes Having Better Time In American Sport

By CORNELIUS RYAN

Racial bias against the Negro in American sports continued to decline in 1948, and the chief target for a tolerance campaign in 1949 will be bowling, last major sport with ironclad colour bars.

Major league baseball, which finally eliminated racial intolerance in 1947 by signing Jackie Robinson, now scouts and signs Negroes almost as a matter of course.

Catcher Roy Campanella came up to the Brooklyn Dodgers this Spring. Brooklyn's farm team, St. Paul, will have Monte Irvin in 1949 and the 29-year-old outfielder, who led the Negro League in hitting for two years, may go up to Brooklyn quickly.

The National League champion Boston Braves signed Negro Walden Williams of New York, and the Chicago White Sox, New York Yankees, and Pittsburgh Pirates admitted they were scouting Negroes.

In professional basketball, the New York Penningtons, famed Negro team, replaced the weak Detroit team in the National League and was well-received around the league.

## HOCKEY MOVES FORWARD

Hockey, too, moved forward in the area of tolerance. Three Negroes played for the first time in Madison Square Garden as members of the Sherbrooke team in the Quebec Senior League.

Ted Phoebe, national negro professional golf champion, played in the Montebello, Cal., Open and tied for second place, beating such men as Ellsworth Vines and former U.S.A. national Open champion Lloyd Mangrum.

A year ago there was protest against Negroes in such tournaments. But bowling still stands firm against tolerance. The sport is ruled by the American Bowling Congress, which sanctions all league play in all alleys during the year and then runs the national tournament.

The ABC constitution specifically limits membership to Caucasians only, Negroes, Orientals, Filipinos and other non-whites, all of whom may be American citizens, are barred.

## DETROIT PROTEST

Last year's ABC national tournament at Detroit was bitterly protested by labour unions and various civic leaders, including Hubert Humphrey, then mayor of Minneapolis and now a U.S. Senator.

At its convention at Detroit, the ABC voted to continue its ban. This year's tournament is at Atlantic City, and again labour unions protested to the New Jersey Governor and to Atlantic City's mayor, who replied that cancellation of the ABC meet would open the city to lawsuits and would cost too much money.

There was a charge of racial bias in connection with the Sullivan Trophy, given annually to the amateur athlete voted to have done the most for good sportsmanship. Olympic decathlon champion Bob Mathias won, and James Lee of Cleveland, a member of the Amateur Athletic Union Executive Committee, said that Olympic 100-metre champion and world hurdles champion Harrison Dillard failed to win only because of racial intolerance by voters in the southern states.

Dillard was second in voting in 1947 and 1948. Dan Ferris, secretary of the AAU, which conducts the vote among newsmen and sports leaders, said that Dillard got many votes from the South.—United Press.

## Deep South Stirs

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 14.—A bill introduced in the Georgia House of Representatives today would prohibit white and negro athletes from participating in the same contests.

The Brooklyn Dodgers recently announced that their negro stars, Jackie Robinson and Roy Campanella, would be in action when the Dodgers played the Atlanta Crackers in an exhibition series this spring.—United Press.

## SNUBBED BY BOWLERS

Newark, N.J., Feb. 14.—The New Jersey Council of the American Congress of Industrial Organizations has asked the State Government to prohibit the American Bowling Congress Tournament at Atlantic City this month because it refused Negro entries.—Associated Press.

## Hveger Planning A Comeback

Copenhagen, Feb. 15.—Ragnhild Hveger, the greatest swimming star Denmark ever produced, wants to try a comeback after five years' retirement.

Hveger, 28, was rather unpopular in Denmark during and after the German occupation. She gave up amateur swimming, and in recent years has earned her living coaching swimmers in various Swedish towns.

The Danish swimming union has contacted Swedish officials to learn how much Ragnhild earned as a coach.

"Before then it is impossible, to say whether she will ever have her amateur rights back. In any case, she will have a two-year quarantine, and if she has earned too much, she never be an amateur again," a union official said.

Hveger set 44 world and Danish records. Some of her world records have never been beaten.—Associated Press.

## Fanny Koen Rounds Off Her Tour

Sydney, Feb. 15.—Mrs Fanny Blankers Koen, who leaves for Holland by plane tomorrow, takes with her an unofficial new world record for the hundred yards.

Her time of 10.6 seconds, however, will not be recognised as an official record. She covered the distance in this time—2/10 of a second better than her own official world figure—tested by a busy little country town of Orange, a busy little country town of New South Wales, on Sunday, but the track did not conform to international standards, and she was assisted by a slight breeze.

This was Mrs Blankers Koen's last appearance of her tour, and she sportingly ran to please a crowd of 5,000, although she was suffering from travel sickness after a 200 miles journey up through the Blue Mountains.—Reuter.

## So Anxious

Tokyo, Feb. 15.—Members of the Japanese Olympic Association are going to sell pencils on the street to raise funds for an expedition. They want to send a member to Rome for the meeting of the International Olympic Committee on April 28. He will plead for reinstatement of Japan so the nation can compete in the next Olympics.—Associated Press.

## Enthusiastic

Genoa, Feb. 15.—Italians are so enthusiastic about the first soccer match between Portugal and Italy that the stadium here is being enlarged to hold the spectators.

A special wooden stand for 12,000 is being added, bringing the capacity to 50,000 for the match on February 27.—Associated Press.

## Ice Hockey Upset

Stockholm, Feb. 15.—Switzerland today sensationally defeated the United States 5-4 in the world ice hockey championships. The period scores were 4-1, 0-3, 1-0.—Associated Press.

## Interport Rugger

The Hongkong Interport Rugby XV will be putting in their final training before Saturday's game against Shanghai on the Club Ground on Thursday evening instead of Wednesday.

## ON THE RECORD

## People Who Just 'Picked It Up'

There are people in this world with an aptitude for any type of game. They pick them all up in a twinkling. Before they are out of school they have cups for cricket, football, hockey, tennis, volleyball and all else.

How far will they go after school? Making a statistical study would be a full-time job. One can only estimate and reach an odd conclusion from case histories one knows of.

The number of great sporting careers in school that do not last very much longer out of school is appreciable. Potentially, great sprinters and star centre-halves are talked about who, two or three years later, are memories.

It is possible to account for this phenomenon with an explanation that is an easy one. One such day was suggested to me the other day by a man who has experience of most of the sports in which one uses a ball, both as a player and as a coach.

An important point about most of the games we play, he told me, is that they are all allied through one important factor. That factor is timing.

A Chinese boy kicking up a shuttlecock develops a good sense of timing that serves him in excellent stead when he starts playing that form of football which is now known here as smallball.

In due course, he graduates to football with a ball of the regulation size and he is still good.

But, my friend told me, he would probably be just as good at any other game. That sense of timing will make him a fair high-jumper, will make him fairly adept at basketball after only a few spells on the court and will connect his hockey stick with the ball the first time out.

That, however, is not the whole story to what makes a champion and the natural sportsman with time finds that he isn't quite as good as he thought he was.

As he developed timing, he won half the battle—the easiest part of the championship. What will stymie him in the future is a collection of bad habits that he also picked up.

Before going any further, I must introduce you to the man from whom I borrowed much of the material for this article. He is Mr. Jenkins, a professional tennis coach who gives lessons in schools here and a former All-Australia hockey player.

Mr Jenkins, who ran his own tennis school in Claremont, Western Australia, before joining the Australian Expeditionary Force shortly after the outbreak of war in 1939, told me that the hardest people to teach tennis to are those who have played it for a good number of years.

"They have developed a whole set of habits," he told me, "and you have to break them down one by one. It usually takes a lot of time. There are many ways one plays a tennis ball with a tennis racket, but few of these are the right way."

"Practically any type of stroke will send the ball travelling back over the net. The point is, how much difficulty does it give the man on the other side in the return."

## Arthur Peall says:

My snooker stroke in snooker is a pot green played with a top and a little right-hand side. This is too often taken very easily, thus necessitating use of the cue on the following shot. Played correctly, brown is a simple pot, presenting no difficulty in getting on to a potted blue, a snooker point for clearing the board.

Everything depends on careful attention to the simple opening stroke. Billiard shot is a half-ball in-off into the centre pocket that is only just possible. A little right-hand side may be helpful, but I prefer plain ball.

WHAT HAPPENS ON THURSDAY?

That's The Day

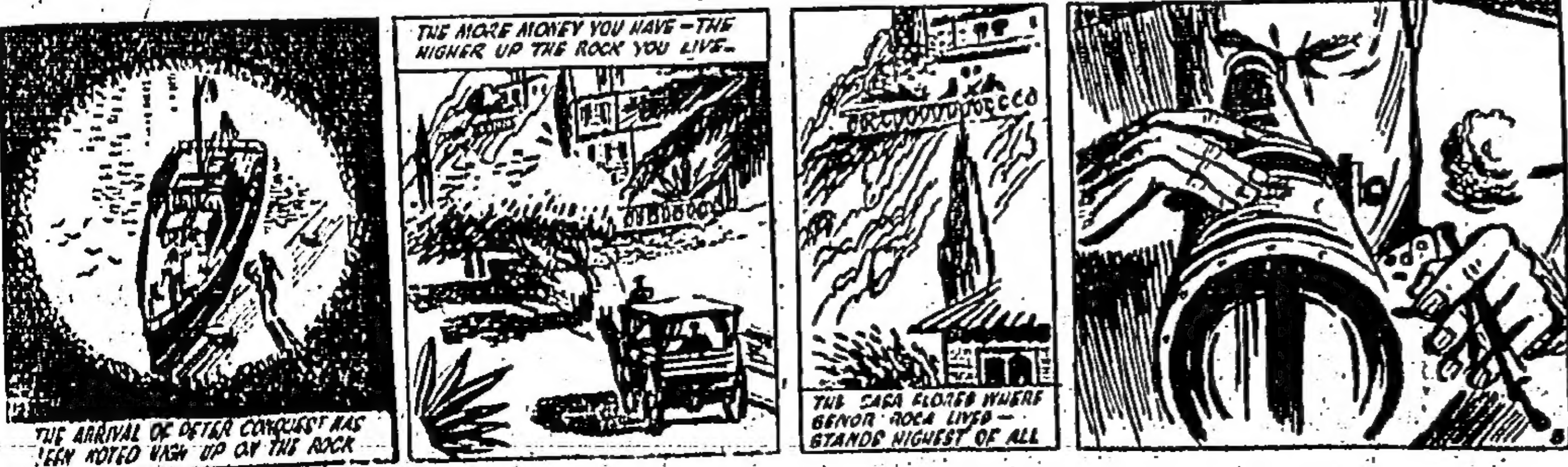
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## McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

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By WILLIAM E. McKENNEY

MR AND MRS John E. SIMMON of St. Louis, Mo., were in New York recently and paid me a call. Simon is associated with the M. Simon & Co., of St. Louis, one of the oldest brokerage firms in the middle west. Although he has done a great deal for organized bridge in that territory, his real love for the game is in rubber bridge. He does not have the stamina to go through the gruelling grind of a long tournament, although we usually get in a session or two in the tournaments in St. Louis.

Jack was telling me about the hand shown today, which came up at the Cavendish Club in New York. Sitting North, he bid five clubs over four diamonds to let his partner know that he had a good, solid club suit. I did not agree with Jack on this bid.

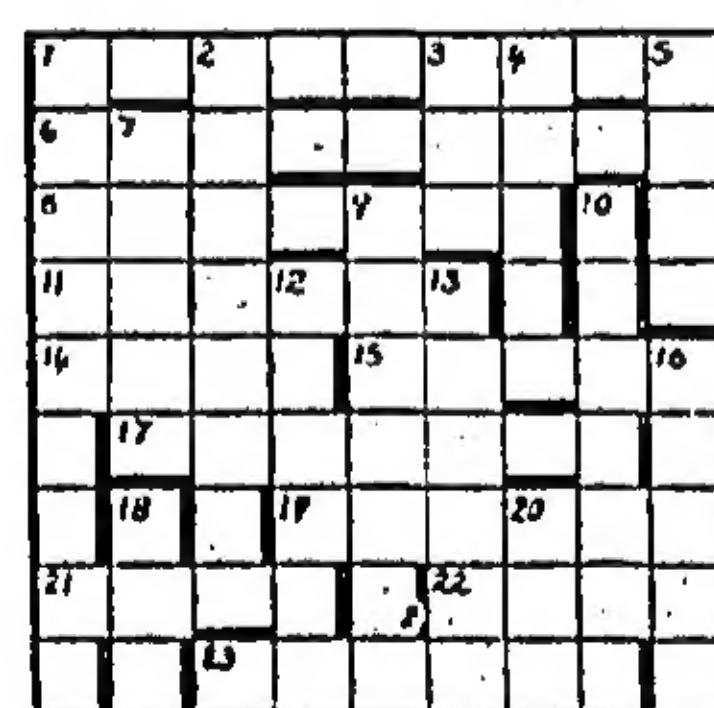
In my opinion, his hand was too strong to bid five clubs. If he had bid five diamonds over four diamonds, his partner would have realized that he not only had a good club suit and a fit in diamonds, but that he really had an interest in the whole hand.

Jack thought that when he bid four clubs, South should have made a cue-bid of four hearts. Well, there are players who might have made that bid, though many hesitate to make a cue-bid until they have shown the true strength of their own suits. What South attempted to do with the four-diamond bid was to show a powerful two-suited hand.

I finally said to Jack, "If your partner had bid four hearts, what would you have bid then?" "I would have bid five diamonds, or maybe six," he replied. I reminded him that he still could have bid five diamonds over four diamonds.

I gathered that there was quite an argument at the Cavendish Club in regard to the bidding of this hand, and Jack and I had a difference of opinion about it. So perhaps you and your friends would like to argue it out. When ever a pair makes seven and fails to bid six, there is always good cause for an argument.

## CROSSWORD



Across

- sort of communication you may make with an elephant (5)
- it signifies great age (4)
- They are pointedly one-eyed (17)
- Language that is almost obscene (14)
- On top of 13 (2)
- Seven (10)
- Fourteen (10)
- A prominent feature usually (14)
- You will not see this before 1949 (1)
- A particular set of notes on the trumpet or cornet (10)

Down

- Fruity colour (10)
- Vase used in common life (10)
- It may be a hint (10)
- A lateral division of any part of the church (10)
- To be thus eyed would be very strange (10)
- And 17, 19 and 21 become this (10)
- Province that reminds you of a chicken (17)
- It is a series of advances (10)
- The half-punched going home (10)
- Spiky, spiky (10)
- Units (10)

Solution of yesterday's puzzle—Across: 1. Elephant (10), 2. Old (4), 3. One-eyed (17), 4. Obscene (14), 5. On top (2), 6. Seven (10), 7. Fourteen (10), 8. A prominent feature usually (14), 9. You will not see this before 1949 (1), 10. A particular set of notes on the trumpet or cornet (10). Down: 1. Fruity colour (10), 2. Vase used in common life (10), 3. It may be a hint (10), 4. A lateral division of any part of the church (10), 5. To be thus eyed would be very strange (10), 6. And 17, 19 and 21 become this (10), 7. Province that reminds you of a chicken (17), 8. It is a series of advances (10), 9. The half-punched going home (10), 10. Spiky, spiky (10), 11. Units (10).



## Check Your Knowledge

- Name the capital of the Union of South Africa.
- How did the word "leftists" marking political parties having a more advanced or radical point of view, originate?
- Name the composer of the opera "Norma."
- What name was given to the wine which the Greek gods drank on Mount Olympus?
- Who was president of the Philippine Islands at the time of the Japanese conquest?

(Answers in Column 4)

## BOYS AND GIRLS MAGAZINE

### Knarf Walked Down the Road

—And Squire Squirrel Thought Him Very Silly—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF, the shadow-boy with the turned-about name, was walking along the road when he saw Squire Squirrel sitting under a tree. After they exchanged greetings, Squire said: "Why are you going down this road?"

"I'm taking a walk," answered Knarf.

"A walk!" exclaimed Squire Squirrel. "A road is no place to take a walk on. The place to take a walk is up and down a tree."

Knarf thought about this for a moment. Then he said he didn't think he could manage to walk up and down a tree. So he said goodbye to Squire Squirrel and continued walking down the road.

A little further on, he met a duck.

### On the Pond

"Walking down the road?" quipped the Duck. "Very silly! The only place to take a walk is on the pond."

But Knarf said he was quite sure he couldn't walk on the pond the way the duck did. So he continued walking down the road.

By and by, he met Blinkie Mole.

"Now just let me tell you something about walking," said Blinkie. "The best place to walk is under the road. You go down one hole and come up another." But Knarf said he didn't think he'd like that so he kept on walking down the road.

Then Knarf met a Sparrow who said: "Walking on the road is very

## MIDWEEK BOOK PARADE

### RECOMMENDED FOR THE ARMCHAIR TRAVELLER

"FIFTY Thousand Miles by Sea, Air, Road and Rail" is the latest volume of the series of books by Compton Mackenzie. The book, "ALL OVER THE PLACE," (Chatto and Windus, 10s.) is written in diary form and includes maps and 50 pages of photographs; a "must" for the armchair traveller and a good tip for the general reader.

Compton Mackenzie travelled about Europe, Africa, India, Burma and the Far East for 10 months and through this journal we see the magnificence, the squalor, luxury, starvation, comfort and terror that he saw on his way. Added to this are the author's own reflections and comments on people and places, and many personal adventures and anecdotes. The journey was undertaken for the purpose of collecting material for his history of India's part in the war, but this book, a by-product as it were, is Compton Mackenzie's personal story for the enjoyment of the rest of us who cannot manage a world tour ourselves.

Why Miss Fishamble, governess to the Malabar family, is the heroine of the book, is explained in the family for sixty years, long after her four pupils were grown up, is told excitingly in "MART OF NATIONS," by Winifred Duke, (Jarrolds, 12/6).

Set against the colourful background of Salcester, a northern town, during the mid-nineteenth century, this story tells how the villainous and ignorant of Claudia Malabar, the eldest daughter, gives the young governess the power to make her future secure. Helpless in the face of the information about Claudia that Miss Fishamble holds—information which, if known in Salcester, would mean ruin and ridicule to the family—Mrs. Malabar is compelled to pay the governess the salary she demands. Following the death of Mr. Malabar, the widow tries unsuccessfully to dismiss the governess, but realizes that it is hopeless.

"I never came across anybody quite so wicked and unscrupulous. I didn't believe until this minute that a woman like you could exist," Miss Fishamble shrugged her shoulders.

"I'm only acting in self-defence. When one has none of the things you possess—money, stability, a fine house, servants, until recently a wealthy husband—one is compelled to use any weapons to fight with. My knowledge of Claudia's doings and her present whereabouts and occupation is a valuable asset. Can you blame me for employing it for my own advantage?"

As she approaches old age, Miss Fishamble retires to the seclusion of the Anne Primory Home, where she meets Miss Waring who is very interested in all her talk about the Malabar family. Together they burn some letters that Claudia wrote to the young man she ran away with, and Miss Fishamble remarks in a puzzled way that Miss Waring is so much like one of her former pupils.

(Tomorrow—Recorded Music)

## CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Answers

- Pretoria. 2. In the French National Assembly in 1789, when the extremists claimed to take seats on the left side of the hall. 3. Vincenzo Bellini. 4. Nectar. 5. Manuel Luis Quezon.

## YOUR BIRTHDAY..... By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

BORN today, you are a natural leader and this gift is very evident, even from your earliest childhood. You probably will be the one to organize games; as you grow older, clubs, and other life projects of considerable scale.

You are kindhearted and thoughtful of others and will listen to their problems at great length. Don't let this intrude too much upon your time unless you can be constructive in your suggestions. Just "commiserating" doesn't do much good and takes a lot of your time.

You women are the type to make excellent wives and mothers. You are able to organize your home so that it goes along smoothly and

yet you will seem to have ample time for activities. You must guard against over-moodiness. There are times when you get depressed and feel life hardly worth living and other times when you chuck full of enthusiasm. Try to cultivate a more even temperament, and the chances are that life will be simpler.

Fond of the arts—especially literature and music, you probably will cultivate one of them for your own interest, alone, if not as a life work.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—The Haste can only make waste today, so be cautious when making all decisions. Wrong ones can be harmful!

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—Romance is all right, but business affairs are somewhat uncertain. Beware of glitter. It may not be gold!

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—Avoid over-extravagance if you are called upon to make any expenditure of importance today.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Your personality—and the right use of it—can help you to solve many a tangle today. Be diplomatic.

GEMINI (May 22-June 22)—Business is slowed up for now, so on your guard, too, against a health mishap. You will need plenty of patience. You will need plenty of patience.

CANCER (June 23-July 23)—Complications may arise but you can smooth them out satisfactorily if you are careful. Be tactful.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—The early morning hours are favourable for you, so make the best of them. Some news may be very important to you future.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Unexpected changes may arise, but if you take the right advantage of them, they can prove beneficial.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—All merchandising, both on the buying and the selling end, appear active at this time. Make progress.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)—Be alert to all that happens today, so if something unexpected arises, you will be prepared to meet it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Get a good grip on your emotions and keep them well under control. Otherwise, you may find difficulties arising.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—If you have over-expanded, don't hesitate to retrench. This may be the best policy now.

By Fred Harman

Good-Bye

## RED RYDER



## FOR THE BUSINESSMAN

### Silver Dollars May Be Reintroduced To Check Inflation

Shanghai, Feb. 16.—The re-adoption of the silver dollar by the Nationalist Government in an effort to check inflation was seen as a possibility by local financial circles quoted by Chinese press reports today.

Banking circles linked the arrival of Mr. Hsu Kan, the Finance Minister, in Shanghai on Monday with the Government's contemplated currency change.

Informed financial sources said the Government has enough silver to warrant a reversion to silver dollars as the National currency.

## N.Y. Rubber:

### TRADING IN FUTURES MORE ACTIVE

New York, Feb. 15.—Number 1 contract rubber futures today closed eight to 18 points lower on sales totalling 105 contracts.

Standard futures closed eight points lower on sales totalling four contracts.

The market was progressively easy after a lower start, with trading in futures more active.

Physicists were neglected, with the majority of buyers unwilling to meet the higher prices of Eastern shipments.

Goodyear were accredited as buyers of nibbling amounts of lower grades, but other consumers were not interested. P. W. Litchfield, chairman of Goodyear, says that pipelines and inventories are ample, with the order backlog for industrial rubber goods reduced, which indicates a slowing down of activity in the near future. He said the increase in the production of natural rubber, combined with the output of synthetic rubber, assures ample supplies which "should stabilize the price and prevent the wide fluctuations so detrimental to the industry in the past."

Benish sentiment was predominant at the close of business.

No. 1 Contract Rubber Futures	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January (1950)	February
March	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07
April	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07
May	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07
June	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07
July	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07
August	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07
September	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07
October	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07
November	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07
December	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07
January (1950)	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07
February	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07	10.07

## LONDON MARKET

London, Feb. 15.—Prices in the rubber market here today closed as follows: March (in pence per lb.) 11-3/10; April/June 10-3/4; July/September 10-1/2.

—United Press.

## HONGKONG SHARES

This morning's turnover on the Stock Exchange was \$17,050.00. Transactions and noon prices:

SHARES	BUYERS	SELLERS	SALES
BANKS			
HSBC	1700	1810	
INDUSTRIALS			
Union	710		
Underwriters	520		
DOCKS, ETC.			
N. P. Wharf	715		
Dock	1015		
Provident	1015		
Shal Dock	12	13	
LAND, ETC.			
Shal Land	1820	16	
Shal Land	300	5000 # 3.80	
		2000 # 3.80	
UTILITIES			
Thames	1430		
Tram	2015		
C. Light (N)	11		
Telephone	35		
INDUSTRIALS			
Cement	40		
STONES, ETC.			
Dairy (N)	435		
Dairy (N)	55		
Watson XD	28		
L. Crawford (N)	25		
Sinceres	670		
COTTONS	1015	1015	
Two	7000 # 10		
	1200 # 10		
	2000 # 1015		

## Siamese Trade With Belgium

Brussels, Feb. 15.—Slam is investigating the possibility of buying Belgian rolling stock and chemical products.

For this purpose a Siamese economic mission arrived in Brussels today from London.

The mission, which includes two Siamese railway chief engineers, will stay until February 18.—Associated Press.

The Finance Minister, these sources stated, had held preliminary talks with Central Government officials and had Central Bank executives on a possible currency reform and the adoption of the silver dollar standard.

The introduction of the silver dollar as the National currency is said to have been prompted by the projected issue of paper currency by several provincial governments with accompanying disturbance to the general financial situation.

A standard silver currency is seen to be necessary to prevent confusion in the payment of salaries and expenses of Government troops in the different provinces.

The adoption of the silver dollar is seen by financial circles as the most effective measure to forestall the impending collapse of the Gold Yuan.—Reuter.

## Wolfram Ore Reaching U.S.

New York, Feb. 15.—The World Telegram today reported that large shipments of wolframite ore are being shipped to the U.S. from China recently seized by the Communists have been arriving from Chinese ports in recent weeks.

It said the wolframite was consigned to the critical materials branch of the Bureau of Federal Supply and would be stockpiled for use in essential government production.

The World Telegram added, "Customs officials said they could not remember when wolframite had come into this port in such frequent shipments. The freighter, Pioneer Day, arriving about 10 days ago, carried 3,700,000 lbs. The Pioneer Tide brought in 1,000,000 lbs and the Pioneer Sea had 2,300,000 lbs. Other freighters on the way from China are reported to have large shipments aboard. All inbound ships from China in the past weeks have carried capacity cargoes. One importer attributed the heavy shipments to the fear that advancing Communists will soon have the whole of the country under their control."—United Press.

## 1948 Boom Year For UK Cotton

Manchester, Feb. 15.—Britain's cotton industry enjoyed a boom year in 1948.

Earnings for the year were—except for 1920—the highest recorded since profits were first tabulated more than 65 years ago, according to the textile market recording agency of Frederick W. Tattersall, Ltd.

Reporting the findings of a special survey, Tattersall said the average profits of 80 spinning mills was £20,143 per company in 1948, compared with £14,058 in 1947. Mill owners generally obeyed the government's anti-inflationary "dividend freeze" and the average distribution of profits rose only one percent above 1947, to 15.25 percent.—Associated Press.

## N.Y. FOREIGN EXCHANGE

CLOSING RATES		
		Feb. 15
Argentine	Peso (Official)	US\$0.277
Argentine	Peso (Unofficial)	2003
Australia		323-3/4
Brazil		9000
Belgium		622-7/8
Canada		32-7/8
Chile		220
England		453-3/4
France		6031-1/2
India		2034
Mexico		1450
New Zealand		402
Peru		8070
Portugal		9404
South Africa		453-1/4
Sweden		2703
Switzerland		2510
Uruguay		320
Venezuela		3010
Netherlands		3770
Bank of		470
Singapore		270
Hongkong		2500
Shanghai		2500
		United Press



# FORCED LABOUR CAMPS CONDEMNED

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## British Spokesman's Strong Criticism

### AN "INHUMAN PRACTICE"

Lake Success, Feb. 15.—The "inhuman practice" of forced labour was spreading westwards "following the Hammer and Sickle," Mr Christopher Mayhew, British Under-Secretary of State, declared in the Economic and Social Council today.

He asked why forced labour camps were "kept so secret" if, as the Soviets claim there is no mass forced labour but merely a few correction labour camps.

He added: "The inhuman practice of forced labour is now spreading beyond the boundaries of the Soviet Union. We see the evil growing in Czechoslovakia, in Bulgaria, and in the Soviet Zone of Germany. We see now that forced labour is not an exclusive Russian phenomenon. It belongs to the practice of Communism in several countries."



## Arctic Test Of Flying Buzz Bombs

Washington, Feb. 15.—The U.S. Air Force will begin Arctic tests of radio-controlled bombs and V-1 flying buzz bombs in Alaska this month.

It announced that tests at Ladd Air Base will involve use of the 12,000-pound "Tarzon," the 1,000-pound "Razon," and the American model of the buzz bomb used by the Germans against London in world war two.

The "Tarzon" and the "Razon" are dropped from planes in the conventional manner and are classed as "free falling." However, through radio devices operating the fins their fall can be affected and the bomb steered toward a target.

### RADIO-CONTROLLED

The Air Force said that in the Alaska tests the radio-controlled bombs will be dropped from B-29 bombers and the buzz bombs will be launched from the Superfortresses.

The announcement said: "Information gained in the tests will be used to develop techniques for cold weather operation of the radio-controlled bombs, and the JB-2 (the buzz bomb) and may indicate modifications that would increase their effectiveness in the Arctic."

A few of the Razon bombs and the buzz bombs were tested in Alaska two years ago.

The Air Force is known to have conducted Alaska winter experiments in the past with "homing" bombs. One of these was a bomb designed to seek out a heat-emitting target, such as a steel factory.—Associated Press.

## Villages Cut Off By Heavy Snow

Istanbul, Feb. 15.—Snow, in places 15 feet deep, has cut off 64 villages in Turkey's easternmost province of Van, where the temperature is about 30 degrees Centigrade below zero.

Wolf packs have appeared near many villages. Shepherds and their flocks are marooned.

Snowstorms have been reported from almost all parts of Turkey in a winter described as the severest for 20 years. The influenza wave appears to be receding but schools remain temporarily closed in Ankara, Istanbul and other towns.—Reuter.

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"They are even more strictly guarded and concealed than were Hitler's concentration camps. Freedom of movement for foreigners was greater in Nazi Germany than in the Soviet Union today."  
**GROWING EVIL**  
"The anxieties of the free world can be stilling quickly and finally by the Soviet Government. Let them

invite representatives of the United Nations, or a group of newspapermen, to visit the following areas: the great peninsular area of Karaganda in the Kazakh Desert; the concentration camps at Dalstrol, in the Far East, including the coalmining camp on the Kolyma river (Siberia); the Pechora group in the north of Europe; the Lake Balka group in Siberia; the Yagry group in the Archangel region; and the groups in Lapland, Novaya Zemlya, Sakhalin, Kamchatka, and the Novosibirsk, Krasnoyarsk and Arctic regions.

"I repeat that the free world cannot remain indifferent to this growing evil. It has now appeared in Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia and the Soviet Zone of Germany. Forced labour camps are spreading westwards, following the Hammer and the Sickle."

"Communist wage levels, Communist forced labour camps, Communist workers' rights and workers' standards in the non-Communist world, they represent the evil of labour exploitation in a new and extreme form. They present a special challenge to trade union and Socialist movements which strike for the betterment of workers' conditions. It is the duty of the United Kingdom delegation that we have a duty, at the Economic and Social Council, to make sure that this problem receives the most serious attention."—Reuter.

## Aid China Fund Sponsors Anxious

London, Feb. 15.—The sponsors of the Aid China Fund in Britain, including Lady Cripps, the wife of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, were reported today to be "very deeply concerned" lest money transferred to China might fall into Communist hands.

Major Guy Lloyd, Opposition Conservative Member, reporting this to the House of Commons today, asked what new regulations for sending money to China would be imposed in view of "the disruption of the Nationalist Government."

Mr Douglas Jay, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, replied that he did not think new regulations should be imposed because transmission of money to China already needed Treasury permission. No answer was given when Major Lloyd asked: "Will money go to the Communists?"—Reuter.

## EXPLOSION ROCKS COKE PLANT

Kearny, New Jersey, Feb. 15.—An explosion rocked the Koppers coke plant, which manufactures tar, today and officials feared there would be a "number of casualties."

The explosion was felt across the Hudson River in mid-town New York. All available fire apparatus and policemen were sent to the scene. The first casualty report said two workmen were injured.—United Press.



"I know I promised you a new hat if I was elected—but you know how I am about campaign promises!"

## S. Korea's Application For UN Membership To Be Considered

Lake Success, Feb. 15.—The United Nations Security Council today referred the application of Southern Korea for membership to its Membership Committee over strenuous objections from the Soviet Union.

Mr Jacob Malik, the Russian delegate, opposed consideration of the Korean application, branding the South Korean Government as "merely a local branch of the United States occupation authorities" and describing its application for membership as "tantamount to an insult thrown in the face of the Korean people."

The Council voted down Mr Malik's objections nine to two and sent the application to the Membership Committee, which comprises representatives of all 11 nations holding Security Council seats.

On the basis of Mr Malik's outspoken attack on the establishment of the American-backed South Korean Government, it was indicated that Russia might exercise its 30th veto when the Membership Committee returned its recommendation at some unspecified date. Indications were the recommendation would be favourable.

### 40-MINUTE TIRADE

Mr Warren Austin (United States) opposed the purported membership application made on behalf of the Soviet-supported government of Northern Korea. Mr Austin contended that the North-Korean application had been made only by telegram and was intended more as a statement of intention for the information of the Council than a bona fide application for membership.

Mr Malik's 40-minute tirade against Southern Korea was answered calmly and briefly by Mr Austin, who advised the Council to refer to the decision of the General Assembly in Paris last autumn, which declared that the South Korean Government had been legally and freely established under United Nations auspices.

"This is the first time I have heard this ghastly story of tyrannical coercion," declared Mr Austin sarcastically in reply to Mr Malik's criticism of Southern "puppets." "It was stated with the fluency that familiarity with such methods allows."

Mr Malik charged that the Southern Korea elections were ordered on the vote of only four of the nine members of the Commission and that of the four members favouring elections, "three represented countries the leading interests of which are directly dependent upon the bounties of the United States."

**MALIK'S ALLEGATIONS.**  
"The destiny of one-half the country was settled by four men," continued Mr Malik. "Most of them were acting against the principles of the UN Charter and at the behest of the United States authorities. The

Don Gardner, a buckaroo,

leads a group of cattle in from the snowbound range near Lund, Nevada, so that they can be fed with hay dropped by air force planes. The cattle were found huddling in the snow. Cattle won't move around under these conditions and would stand and freeze if the buckaroo did not break trail and make them get going.—AP Picture.

## S'hai Migrants For Australia

Canberra, Feb. 15.—Australia is going to pick immigrants from among 6,000 Europeans being removed from Shanghai to the Philippines.

Immigration Minister Arthur Calwell said today he was sending immigration officers, doctors and a military intelligence officer to interview the refugees on Samar Island, the Philippines.

Those selected will be admitted to Australia on the same conditions as European displaced persons. They must undertake employment allotted by the government for the first two years in Australia.—Associated Press.

## Western Union Defence Expenditure

London, Feb. 15.—Western Union defence arrangements will cost Britain about £52,000 for 1949-50, Ministry of Defence estimates disclosed today.

The major part of the expenditure is £32,115 for British staffing for the new Secretariat of the Western Union Chiefs of Staff Committee, the Military Committee, the Military Supply Board and common services.—Reuter.

## Malicious Rumour

London, Feb. 15.—A British spokesman today branded as "malicious rumour" reports printed in New York that Britain was preparing to occupy Cairo and Alexandria.—United Press.

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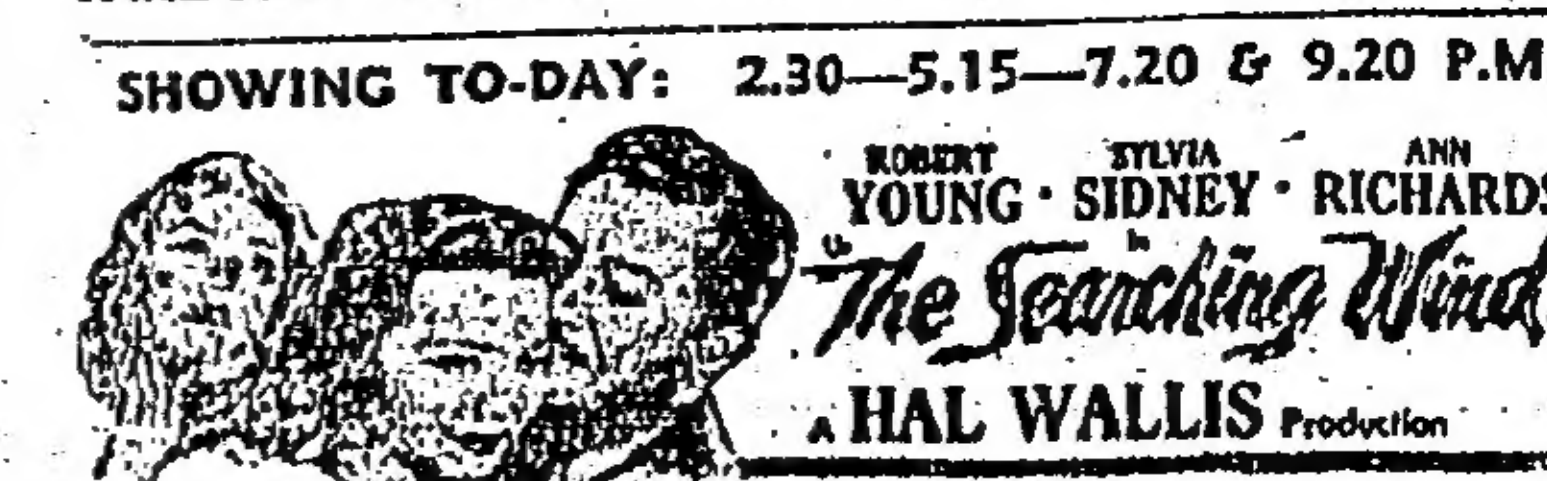
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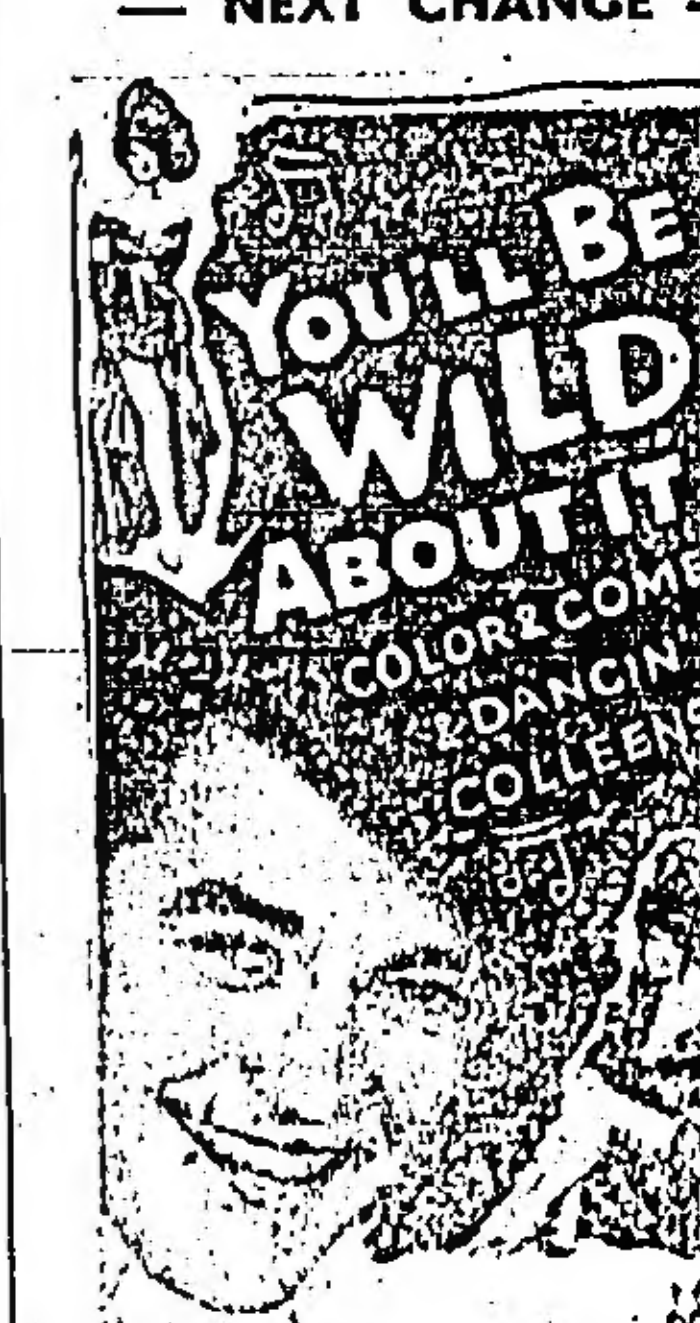
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